

2010-2011 School Year

DCPS Middle School Guide

Welcome to Middle School!

The middle school years are an exhilarating and challenging stage of life for students and parents alike. DCPS' mission is to reach every middle school student with demanding curriculum, inspired educators, and exciting extracurricular activities that lead to solid academic success.

Step 1: Is my child eligible to attend a DC Public School?

Residency

- Your child must be a resident of the District of Columbia in order to be eligible for a free public education at DCPS.
- If you are not a resident of the District of Columbia, you may pay non-resident tuition to enroll in a DCPS school where space is available. For more information, contact the Student Residency Office at (202) 442-5215.

Step 2: What does DCPS offer my child?

Basic Facts About Grades 6-8 at DCPS

- All schools use an Effective Schools Framework and a Teaching and Learning Framework to ensure that every child has access to engaging instruction.
- Art, music, and PE are provided for every child.
- Special Education services are available for students with special needs.
- Services are available for students who are English Language Learners.

Unique Academic Programs

- **Dual language/Spanish immersion:** In dual language classrooms, students learn grade level curriculum in two languages: English and Spanish. This popular and successful program allows students to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in both languages through challenging and engaging classroom activities.
- **Catalyst schools:** These specialized schools base all curriculum and learning methods around one of three themes:
 - STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)
 - Arts Integration
 - World Cultures

Learn More

- For a taste of what middle school at DCPS is like, learn more about a few highlighted schools at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS>
- Learn about all our middle schools by viewing School Profiles at <http://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov/schoolprofile/>
- Visit an Open House. See schedule at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/openhouse>

Step 3: How do I find school options for my child?

Find Your Neighborhood School

A neighborhood school is a school assigned to a student based on his/her address. (Please note that students with special needs or limited-English may be assigned to a school other than their neighborhood school in order to better serve their needs.)

- Find your assigned DCPS neighborhood school at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/tools>.
- Look at a map of neighborhood school boundaries at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/maps>

Find Your Destination School

A destination school is a school into which a student's current DCPS school feeds. Students have the right to attend their destination school even if it is different from their neighborhood school. Find your assigned DCPS destination school at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/tools>.

Learn About Opportunities to Attend a Different School

- Out-of-Boundary Lottery – <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/oob>
- Title I School Choice – <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/schoolchoice>

Step 4: How do I enroll my child in a DC Public School?

Download all enrollment forms at <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/enroll>.

Columbia Heights Education Campus

- Phone: (202) 939-7700
- Address: 3101 16th St NW
 - Metro: Green/Yellow Line: Columbia Heights Station
 - Bus: 52, 53, 54 (14th Street); 70, 71 (Georgia Ave-7th Street); 79 (Georgia Ave Extra); H1 (Brookland-Potomac Park); H2, H3, H4 (Crosstown); H8 (Park Road-Brookland); W47 (Wilson High School); DC Circulator (Woodley Park-Adams Morgan-McPherson Square Metro)
- Principal Maria Tukeva
- Grades 6-12
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 1297
- To support its mission of developing “intellectually curious scholars who are articulate communicators in two languages...cultural ambassadors and contributing community members,” diversity remains a priority throughout the Columbia Heights Educational Campus. Comprised of both middle and high school students, CHEC has a **high bilingual student population** and strongly gears its instruction towards incorporating full fluency in English and Spanish.

Additionally, its staff members speak 15 different languages, greater enriching the student experience. CHEC offers **three small learning communities** – one for 9th and 10th graders, two for 11th and 12th graders: math, science and business and multilingual communication and the arts - to support its strong college preparatory environment.

Students may also participate in early college courses or **AP classes** and round out their academic pursuits in more than 25 different athletics and arts clubs.

- Academic courses and programs are designed around three central themes: rigor, relevance, and social justice, and include:
 - Bilingual education
 - Science & technology focus
 - Arts focus
 - Business & finance focus
 - Language immersion
 - After school
- Website: www.checdc.org

Deal Middle School

- Phone: (202) 939-2010
- Address: 3815 Fort Dr NW
 - Metro: Red Line: Tenleytown Station
 - Bus: 31 (Wisconsin Avenue); 32, 36 (Pennsylvania Avenue); 34 (Naylor Road); D31, D32, D33, D34 (Deal Junior High School)
- Principal: Dr. Melissa M. Kim
- Grades: 6-8
- Enrollment for 2009-2010: 867
- Alice Deal Middle School combines a **rigorous academic program** with the nurturing environment of a neighborhood school. Located in the heart of northwest DC, Deal's campus boasts a nearly completed \$70 million renovation that has preserved a beautiful, historic building and merged it with dynamic new spaces for instruction. At Deal, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students grapple successfully with the most challenging academic program available, which includes participation in:
 - **International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program** (authorization anticipated in January, 2010)
 - National History Day
 - Science Fair
 - World languages (Mandarin Chinese, French, Spanish)
 - Performing & Visual arts
 - Health & Physical Education
 - Service-learning opportunities
 - A wide variety of extra-curricular activities (including sports teams)
- Website: www.alicedeal.org



Eliot-Hine Middle School

- Phone: (202) 939-5380
- Address: 1830 Constitution Ave NE
 - Metro: Blue/Orange Line: Stadium/Armory Station
 - Bus: D6 (Sibley Hospital-Stadium/Armory); X3 (Benning Road-Potomac Park); 96, 97 (East Capitol St-Cardozo)
- Principal Willie Jackson
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 279



- Eliot-Hine Middle School was established in 2008 due to the consolidation of former Eliot Junior High and Hine Junior High. Named after Charles Eliot, former president of Harvard University and advocate for civil service reform and Lemon G. Hine, civil rights lawyer and politician, the school is located near the Stadium/Armory Complex on the eastern border of Capitol Hill.

Renovated in 2008, Eliot-Hine hosts an on-site parent center and MR and autism clusters. Eliot-Hine also offers **Spanish and Algebra I** courses, a **newly renovated library** and serves hot and cold meals, prepared on-site, for students and staff. Eliot-Hine offers a rigorous academic program, supplemented by the following programs:

- Full Service School*
- Community Partners (HP/NBA Cares, 1st District Police Outreach, DC Department of Healthy Families, DC Choices, City Year, Concerned Black Men, National Association of Minority Government Contractors, and a variety of neighborhood businesses and churches)
- Extracurricular activities (basketball, chess, football, debate team, yearbook, math club, science club, robotics team, track team, and a prize-winning step team)
- After school program

Hardy Middle School

- Phone: (202) 729-4350
- Address: 1819 35th St NW
 - Bus: 31 (Wisconsin Avenue); 32, 36 (Pennsylvania Avenue); 34 (Naylor Road); D1 (Sibley Hospital-Stadium/Armory); D2 (Glover Park-Dupont Circle)
- Principal Patrick Pope
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 419
- Hardy is one of the highest performing schools in DCPS whose brand-new building hosts its specialized arts and **music-centered curriculum**. To be admitted to Hardy you must turn in an application and visit the school, but there is no screening process. All Hardy students take instrumental music beginning in 6th grade as part of the core curriculum. Programs offered at Hardy include:
 - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (*Application is pending*)
 - After school, **extended day program**
 - Art instruction
 - Foreign language (French, Spanish, grades 7-8)
 - Partnerships with **Washington Performing Arts Society (WPAS)**, Ellington School of the Arts and the Fillmore Arts Center
 - Athletic program
- Website: www.hardyms.org



Hart Middle School

- Phone: (202) 645-3420
- Address: 601 Mississippi Ave SE
 - Bus: A2 (Anacostia-Congress Heights); A4 (Anacostia-Fort Drum); M9 (Congress Heights Shuttle); W4 (Deanwood-Alabama Ave.)
- Principal Billy Kearney
- Grades 7-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 425
- At Hart Middle School, we are proud to be a Full Service School where we merge leading practices of education and mental health services. Our mission at the Charles Hart Middle School is to build **C.H.A.R.A.C.T.E.R.** by: Celebrating Success, Honoring our Past, Achieving Greatness, Respecting Everyone, Acquiring Knowledge, Continuing to Grow, Tackling Challenges, Emerging as Leaders, and Representing Hope.

We welcome our 7th and 8th grade students into a positive culture where administrators, teachers, and staff are committed to academic excellence and where we ensure that all students acquire the foundations they need to become lifelong learners and are able to compete in a competitive global society. We hold high expectations for all students and support them with strong instructional leadership in a **safe and nurturing environment**. Our students understand that being safe, responsible, and respectful is not a choice but it is our Hart Expectation.

Located in Ward 8, our faculty and staff take great pride in being the “HARTbeat” of southeast Washington, D.C. We look forward to welcoming students and their families as we uphold the traditions of Charles Hart Middle School. At Charles Hart, we value education and uphold a culture of transparency, open communication and collaboration among all of our partners. Hart offers the following programs to improve student discipline and instructional delivery in order to increase academic achievement:

- Full Service School*
- After school program

Jefferson Middle School

- Phone: (202) 729-3270
- Address: 801 7th St SW
 - Metro: Blue/Orange/Green/Yellow Lines: L'Enfant Plaza Station
 - Bus: 71 (Georgia Avenue-7th Street); V7, V9 (Minnesota Ave-M Street)
- Principal Stephanie Patton
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 314
- At Jefferson, we have a strong sense of **P.R.I.D.E.**-Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence. Our staff exemplify these characteristics and instill them in our students through our strong academic program, which is supplemented by many programs, including:
 - Science & technology focus
 - Full Service School*
 - Enrichment activities (chess, debate, sailing and swimming)
 - Best Men/Best Friends
 - Men of Strength club
 - Math Counts
 - SAT Prep
 - Student Government
 - Voices of Jefferson (newspaper)
 - Saturday Academy (tutoring)
 - Athletic program (soccer, baseball, softball, football, basketball and volleyball)
 - **Robotics club**
 - Partnerships (Howard University Allied Health, Clark Construction, Arena Stage, DC Geographic Systems, National Guard, Ritz-Carlton Hotels and the Washington Wizards)

Johnson Middle School

- Phone: (202) 939-3140
- Address: 1400 Bruce PI SE
 - Bus: W8 (Garfield-Anacostia Loop); 92 (U Street-Garfield); 94 (Stanton Road)
- Principal David Markus
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 292
- J. Hayden Johnson Middle School offers a **strong academic program** with the goal of preparing our students for a dynamic and diverse world. We teach our students to value **technological literacy, leadership and problem solving** as important skills not only in the classroom, but also as tools that can result in enhanced personal growth and opportunity. Johnson offers several programs that support this, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - After school program
 - Saturday Scholars Program
 - Read 180 and Wilson Reading Programs for Struggling Readers
 - Fast Math Support for Math
 - Technology focus-4 computer labs & computer electives

Kelly Miller Middle School

- Phone: (202) 388-6870
- Address: 301 49th St NE
 - Metro: Blue Line: Benning Rd Station
 - Bus: 97 (E. Capitol St-Cardozo); U8 (Capitol Hts-Benning Hts); W4 (Deanwood-Alabama Ave.)
- Principal Cathy Crocker
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 407
- Kelly Miller Middle School's goal is to provide students with a **rigorous and relevant educational experience** in an environment that meets each student's individual needs. To this end, every child will receive quality instruction that sets, supports and maintains **high expectations**. Our beautiful campus hosts many additional programs that cater to diverse student interests and enrich our curriculum, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - After school program (DC After School For All)
 - Parent center
 - Lifestarts
 - Partnerships (including Higher Achievement-Academic Acceleration Program, Georgetown Myers Institute of College Preparation and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)-DC)
 - Athletic program (basketball, football and volleyball)
- Website: www.kellymillerms.com

Kramer Middle School

- Phone: (202) 939-3150
- Address: 1700 Q St SE
 - Bus: 92 (U Street-Garfield); B2 (Bladensburg Road-Anacostia); U2 (Minnesota Avenue-Anacostia); V5 (Fairfax Village-L'Enfant Plaza); W6 (Garfield-Anacostia Loop)
- Principal Kenneth Parker
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 397
- Located in the Historic Anacostia neighborhood of DC, the dedicated and diverse staff of Kramer Middle School serves a largely African-American student body. Our academic programs focus on promoting achievement by **addressing both academic and emotional needs**. We offer a variety of programs to further that end, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - After school program

MacFarland Middle School (Lincoln Hill Cluster)

- Phone: (202) 576-6207
- Address: 4400 Iowa Ave NW
 - Metro: Green/Yellow Line: Georgia Ave. Petworth Station
 - Bus: 60, 64 (Fort Totten-Petworth); 63 (Takoma-Petworth); 70 (Georgia Avenue-7th Street)
- Campus Leader Sean Precious, Cluster Principal Shirley Hopkinson
- Grades 5-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 202
- MacFarland Middle School, built in 1923, was DC's first junior high school. Today, MacFarland is the only middle school in Ward 4 and accepts students from 11 feeder elementary schools. MacFarland, along with Powell Elementary School and Barnard Elementary School, is part of the **Lincoln Hill Cluster**, a group of 3 schools led by Dr. Shirley Hopkinson that work together to coordinate academic programs and professional development. MacFarland offers many programs designed to facilitate student achievement, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - **Bilingual education**
 - Parent center
 - After school program
 - Partnerships (including Colin Powell Leadership Club, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Best Friends, Super Leaders, Mega Squad, S.T.E.P. Foundation, Project My Time After School Program, Latin America Youth Center, Howard University Tutors, and Georgetown Tutors)
 - Extracurricular activities and clubs

Ron Brown Middle School

- Phone: (202) 724-4632
- Address: 4800 Meade St NE
 - Metro: Orange Line: Deanwood Station
 - Bus: U4 (Sheriff Road-River Terrace); V7 (Minnesota Ave-M Street); W4 (Deanwood-Alabama Ave.)
- Principal Darrin Slade
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 234
- Ronald H. Brown Middle School provides each student with a **quality education** in an environment designed to meet the individual needs of every student. Parents, staff and community members are important parts of students' educational experiences at Ron Brown because they actively contribute to the growth and success of every child. We offer a variety of programs to supplement our academic curriculum, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - After school program

Shaw at Garnet-Patterson Middle School

- Phone: (202) 673-7329
- Address: 2001 10th St NW
 - Metro: Green/Yellow Lines: U Street/African-American Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Station
 - Bus: 90, 92 (U Street-Garfield); 96 (East Capitol Street-Cardozo); X3 (Benning Road-Potomac Park)
- Principal Brian Betts
- Grades 6-10
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010 (grades 6-9): 301
- Shaw Middle School, an integral part of the **historic Shaw neighborhood** in DC, is well-known for its instrumental music program. We offer a strong academic program led by excellent math and Language Arts departments. We are proud of Shaw's long history, including our role in the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) case that led to the desegregation of public schools. We offer a variety of programs that support our **rigorous academic program**, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - Afterschool program
 - Tutoring (after school)
 - Advanced work program



Sousa Middle School

- Phone: (202) 729-3260
- Address: 3650 Ely Pl SE
 - Bus: U5, U6 (Mayfair-Marshall Heights); V7, V9 (Minnesota Ave-M Street)
- Principal Dwan Jordon
- Grades 6-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 272



- John Philip Sousa Middle School, an official Historic Preservation Site, is housed in a **newly modernized building** that highlights the school's proud history while at the same time, provides our students with a state-of-the-art facility. We use **technology** to enrich our strong academic programs and set high expectations for our students. Sousa boasted the highest secondary test gains this year, and our goal is to help our students become change agents in their communities and in the world at large. In the 2010-2011 school year, we will become a **catalyst school**, offering an **Arts Integration curriculum** by weaving the visual and performing arts into the classroom as tools for teaching core subject content. Sousa will be 1 of only 4 schools across DCPS to offer the Arts Integration program. We offer many programs to further this goal, including:
 - Full Service School*
 - Parent center
 - After school program
 - ED cluster program
 - Read 180
 - Achievement Network
 - Complete sports program

Stuart-Hobson Middle School (Capitol Hill Cluster)

- Phone: (202) 671-6010
- Address: 410 E St NE
 - Metro: Red Line: Union Station
 - Bus: 92 (U Street-Garfield); D6 (Sibley Hospital-Stadium-Armory); X2 (Benning Road-H Street); X8 (Maryland Ave)
- Cluster Principal Brandon Eatman
- Assistant Principals Olutayo Ayodeji, Katherine Franklin
- Grades 5-8
 - Enrollment for 2009-2010: 413
- Stuart-Hobson Middle School, the Secondary Campus of the **Capitol Hill Cluster**, serves students in grades 5-8. We offer a solid core academic program that includes foreign language instruction (Spanish) for 7th and 8th graders and humanities programs that utilize the rich resources of the Smithsonian museums whenever possible.

We also provide a wide range of enrichment and extracurricular activities for students, including musical theater, clubs and sports, including cross-country, track, and football. Included in our dedicated faculty are a number of teachers who have received or are working towards national board certification (a stringent process that goes well beyond traditional teacher certification) and a past recipient of the DCPS Art Teacher of the Year Award.

In addition, Stuart-Hobson was selected by the *Washington Post's* Jay Matthews as **one of the region's best middles schools**, and our graduates have gone on to attend the city's most competitive public and private high schools, and ultimately, the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities. Additional programs and services available at Stuart-Hobson include:

 - Parent center
 - Arts focus
 - After school program
- Website: www.capitolhillclusterschool.org

***-Full Service Schools**

Full Service Schools (FSS) have academic coaches and other behavioral and mental health professionals placed within the school to support teachers and students in raising academic achievement and social/emotional wellbeing.

The FSS model brings together best practices, instructional design, behavior management, and mental health support for middle schools in No Child Left Behind restructuring status. Full Service Schools use comprehensive school design and additional supports and services as a framework for school reform.

Key outcomes for FSS include:

- Academic success
- Social, emotional, and behavioral wellbeing for all students
- A positive and welcoming school climate
- Strong partnerships between families and schools